



## PROGRAMME

### 21.09.2015

**09:30 AM - 10:00 AM** Welcoming reception

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM** Opening ceremony **Welcoming speech: Barbara Glück, Mauthausen Memorial, Jordi Guixé, European Observatory on Memories (EUROM)**

#### Keynote

**11:30 AM - 01:30 PM** **Panel 1 - The victims: liberation, displacement, return, emigration**

In contrast to the national post-war narratives: How did survivors (of the Mauthausen Camp) experience what we call liberation? Which different patterns and strategies did they pursue to either continue with their previous lives, or to start a new life altogether? Which obstacle did they encounter at all? How were they welcomed in their countries of origin or countries of emigration? Which communities formed after their return, or in the countries of emigration? Briefly: How to define a liberation process from the viewpoint of survivors, and how could such a process be "concluded", for that matter?

**Speakers: Susanne Urban, International Tracing Service (ITS) Bad Arolsen, Katja Seybold, Stiftung niedersächsische Gedenkstätten (SNG), Geneviève Dreyfus-Armand**

**Moderator: Oriol Lopéz-Badell, European Observatory on Memories (EUROM)**

**01:30 PM - 02:30 PM** Lunch break

**02:30 PM - 04:30 PM** **Panel 2 - The perpetrators: flight, post-war justice, denazification, reintegration of perpetrators**

If liberation is also understood as a process of dismantling the social, institutional and political structures imposed by National Socialism, the question arises for the former societies of perpetrators, what exactly such process consisted of, how far it went, and what was left untouched. When the war had ended, many perpetrators were on the run and succeeded to disappear. How successful were they in avoiding prosecution? Who was indicted, who was convicted? Who was never even prosecuted? How intensive did the Allied and the Austrian (German) sides pursue the process of denazification? How were the perpetrators reintegrated into post-war society? And who was seen as perpetrator in post-war society, for that matter?

**Speakers: Winfried Garscha, Dokumentationsarchiv des Österreichischen Widerstandes (DÖW), Hanne LeBau, Universität Bochum, Gerald Steinacher, University of Nebraska-Lincoln**

**Moderator: Gregor Holzinger, KZ-Gedenkstätte Mauthausen**

**04:45 PM - 05:45 PM** **Guided tour at the outdoor area of Mauthausen Memorial**

Meeting point: square in front of the Visitor Centre

**06:00 PM - 09:00 PM** **Exhibition Opening - "Where were we supposed to go after liberation? Waypoints: Displaced Persons after 1945"**

### 22.09.2015

**09:30 AM - 10:00 AM** Welcome reception

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM** Panel discussion

**11:00 AM - 01:00 PM** **Panel 3 - The 8th of May 1945 in the context of national memorial cultures**

The 8<sup>th</sup> of May is the Europe-wide day commemorating liberation from Fascism. In diverse national contexts and memorial cultures, this date is being interpreted in different ways, however. This panel should investigate the significance of the 8<sup>th</sup> of May from the viewpoints of various remembrance policies and cultures in

various national and regional contexts, and their representation in official – often contradictory – historiography, memorial sites and museum displays. How different is the term liberation interpreted in various countries formerly occupied by, and in countries formerly collaborating with Germany?

**Speakers:** **Stefanie Endlich**, **Liljana Radonić**,  
*Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften*, **Jordi Guixé**,  
*Universitat de Barcelona*

**Moderator:** **Christian Dürr**, *KZ-Gedenkstätte Mauthausen*

**01:00 PM - 02:00 PM** Lunch break

**02:00 PM - 04:00 PM** **Panel 4 - The 8th of May 1945 in Austria (Germany): liberation or defeat?**

In the successor states of the German Reich, the date of liberation is being interpreted in an ambivalent manner. What was liberation for some was a defeat for others. The panel should address the question, which forms and contents the memory of May the 8<sup>th</sup> assumes in Austria (and Germany), and how they interrelate - ranging from liberation celebrations to commemoration of the fallen soldiers, from Anti-Fascism to right-wing extremism. The focus is on questions such as: Who commemorates whom? Who is victim, who is perpetrator? Which image of a post-Nazi, post-war society can be deduced therefrom?

**Speakers:** **Heidemarie Uhl**, *Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften*, **Willi Merny**, *Mauthausen Komitee Österreich*, **Andreas Peham**, *Dokumentationsarchiv des Österreichischen Widerstandes (DÖW)*

**Moderator:** **Andreas Kranebitter**, *Mauthausen Memorial*

**04:00 PM - 04:30 PM** Closing ceremony

**Barbara Glück**, *Mauthausen Memorial*, **Jordi Guixé**,  
*European Observatory on Memories*



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